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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Susumu YASUDA, et al.)
Application No.: 10/073,304)
Filed: February 13, 2002)
For: TILTABLE-BODY APPARATUS,)
AND METHOD OF FABRICATING :
THE SAME)

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicants respectfully traverse the election of species requirement set forth in the Office Action dated June 4, 2003.

The Office Action sets forth a restriction requirement among the following groups of claims: Group I, Claims 1-31, drawn to a tiltable-body apparatus, classified in class 248, subclass 466; Group II, Claim 32, drawn to a scanning type display, classified in class 345, subclass 7; and Group III, Claims 33-37, drawn to a method of fabricating a tiltable-body apparatus, classified in class 248, subclass 560.

Applicants submit that the various embodiments of the invention are so closely related as not to require separate fields of search. Accordingly, neither Applicants nor the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office should be put through the trouble and expense

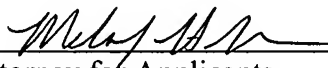
entailed in multiple filing and prosecution. In addition, Applicants submit that the public-at-large should not be required to obtain and study several patents in order to have available all of the issued patent claims covering the invention. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the election requirement.

Nevertheless, Applicants provisionally elect for prosecution on the merits Group I, Claims 1-31, and elect the species disclosed in the second embodiment of the invention. Applicants submit that Claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 18, 26, 28, 29, and 30 read on the elected species.

Favorable consideration and an early passage to issue are respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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